Abstract Proceedings of the Travancore Legislative Council.

The Council met in the Dewan's room, Public Offices, at 12 noon, on Wednesday the 20th December 1916/5th Dhanu 1092.

Present.

DEWAN BAHADUR M. KRISHNAN NAIR ESQ., B. A. & B. L.,
Dewan.....*Presiding*

A. J. Vieyra Esq., B. A.
V. Subba Aiyar Esq., B. A. & B. L.
N. Subrahmanya Aiyar Esq., M. A.
R. Mahadeva Aiyar Esq., B. A.
K. V. Rengaswami Aiyengar Esq., M. A.
John Kuriyan Esq., B. A., B. C. E.
N. Raman Pillai Esq., B. A.
I. C. Chacko Esq., B. A. B. Sc.
J. A. Richardson Esq.
K. Parameswaran Pillai Esq., B. A. & B. L.
K. G. Sesha Aiyar Esq., B. A. & B. L.
A. M. Kumara Pillai Esq., B. A. & B. L.
T. K. Velu Pillai Esq., B. A. & B. L.
Paul Daniel Esq., M. A. & L. T.

K. Narayanan Pandalay Esq., B. A. & B. L., ...*Secretary.*

The Secretary reported to the Council that the Companies Regulation Amendment Bill, finally passed by the Council on the 20th June 1916, received the assent of His Highness the Maha Raja on the 3rd October 1916, and that the same became Law as Regulation I of 1092.

The Secretary also reported that the following petitions had been received :—

Markets Bill.

Petition dated the 2nd Dhanu 1092, from Mr. K. C. Devadasan, Mitalom.

Nanjinad Vellala Bill.

Petition received on the 4th December 1916, from Messrs. P. Arumugom Pillai M. Velu Pillai and S. Kumara Pillai.

Christian Succession Bill.

Serial No.	*Date of receipt.*	*From whom.*
1	17-1-1916	Mr. Ousep Kunjavira Tharakan and others, Syrian Christian inhabitants of Vaikom and Shertallai taluks.
2	25-2-1916	Mr. A. Satyanesan and others, London Mission Christians living in the Trivandrum and Neyyattinkara taluks.
3	29-2-1916	The Rev. Father Alexander Yohannan Kathanar and others, Syrian Christian inhabitants of Nedumpuram proverthy, Thiruvella taluk.
4	4-3-1916	The Most Rev. Titus Mar Thoma Metropolitan of the Mar Thoma Syrian Church, Thiruvella.
5	22-3-1916	The Rev. Father Mani Poulouse Kathanar and others, Syrian Christian inhabitants of Pampakkuda.
6	22-3-1916	The Rev. Father Kuriakose Kathanar and others, Syrian Christian inhabitants of Kartigappalli.
7	22-3-1916	Mr. John and others, Syrian Christians.
8	22-3-1916	The Rev. Father P. K. Anthony Kathanar and others, Syrian Christian inhabitants of Champakkulam.
9	22-3-1916	The Rev. Father Ouseph Abraham Kathanar and others, Syrian Christian inhabitants of Kalluppara.
10	22-3-1916	Mr. Perumal Chackko and others, Syrian Christian inhabitants of Niranam.
11	22-3-1916	Mr. Kuruvila Thomma and others, Syrian Christian inhabitants of Kanjirappalli.
12	22-3-1916	Mr. Idychandy Zakkeria Kathanar and others, Syrian Christian inhabitants of Kayankulam.
13	22-3-1916	Mr. Mathai Chackko and others, Syrian Christian inhabitants of Puthuppally.
14	22-3-1916	The Rev. Father Gheevargheese Kathanar, Serampore College.

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15	22-3-1916	Mr. Uthup Chacko and others, Syrian Christian inhabitants of Pampakkuda.
16	22-3-1916	Mr. P. B. Vincent and others, Syrian Christian inhabitants of Aryad.
17	22-3-1916	Mr. Kuruvila Chummaru and others, Syrian Christian inhabitants of Kyppizhay proverthy.
18	22-3-1916	Mr. Varkky Cheriya and others, Syrian Christians.
19	22-3-1916	Mr. Thomman Korula and others, Syrian Christian inhabitants of Pallam.
20	22-3-1916	The Rev. Father Easo Kathanar and others, Syrian Christian inhabitants of Omallur.
21	22-3-1916	The Rev. Father Abraham Kathanar and others, Syrian Christian inhabitants of Thodupuzha taluk.
22	22-3-1916	Mr. Pothan Ulahannan and others, Syrian Christian inhabitants of Manchatikkaray.
23	22-3-1916	Mr. Kunjavira Dastyan and others, Syrian Christian inhabitants of Mararikulam.
24	22-3-1916	The Rev. Father Mathews Kathanar and others, Syrian Christian inhabitants of Vellikulam.
25	22-3-1916	Mr. Chandy Chandy and others, Syrian Christian inhabitants of Kumarakom.
26	22-3-1916	Mr. Varkky Itty and others, Syrian Christian inhabitants of Puthuppally.
27	22-3-1916	Mr. Cheriyithu Devasaya and others, Syrian Christian inhabitants of Thodupuzha.
28	22-3-1916	Mr. Kochitty Abraham and others, Syrian Christian inhabitants of Kottayam.
29	22-3-1916	The Rev. Father Kuriyakose Kathanar and others, Syrian Christian inhabitants of Pazhoor.
30	22-3-1916	The Rev. Father Mathoo Kathanar and others, Syrian Christian inhabitants of Vaikom taluk.
31	22-3-1916	The Rev. Father Zakkeria Kathanar and others, Syrian Christian inhabitants of Kartigappalli.
32	9-6-1916	The Rev. Father P. V. Zakkeria Kathanar and others, Syrian Christian inhabitants of Pallippaud, Kartigappalli.
33	30-6-1916	Do.
34	26-7-1916	The Rev. Father Abraham Kathanar Ouseph Kathanar and others, Syrian Christian inhabitants of Chengannur.
35	Telegram 25-9-1916	Catholic Syrians of Changanacherry.
36	27-10-1916	The Rt. Rev. Mar A. Chulaparambil, Vicar Apostolic of Kottayam.
37	21-11-1916	The Rt. Rev. C. H. Gill, Bishop of Travancore and Cochin, Kottayam.

THE CIVIL COURTS REGULATION AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. Subba Aiyar, in introducing a Bill to amend the Civil Courts Regulation, II of 1084, so as to make provision for raising the jurisdiction of particular Munsiffs up to Rs. (5,000), said as follows:—

"I beg to introduce a Bill to amend the Civil Courts Regulation. The purpose of the amendment has been duly stated in the Statement of Objects and Reasons. It has been represented to the Government that the estate-owners in Devicolam are put to very serious difficulty and inconvenience in as much as they have to go a very long distance to Parur to file suits above the value of Rs. (2,000). To remedy this, it is thought expedient to raise the jurisdiction of the Devicolam Munsiff to Rs. (5,000). Though the amendment is worded generally, I do not think that it is the object of the Government to invest any other Munsiff with jurisdiction up to Rs. (5,000). With these observations, I beg to move that the principle of the Bill be affirmed".

Seconded by Mr. Subrahmanya Aiyar.

Mr. Velu Pillai, in opposing the principle of the Bill, said as follows:—

"While I do not propose to question the propriety of inserting a provision in the Civil Courts Regulation to enable the Government to invest the Munsiff at Devicolam with increased Jurisdiction, I must admit my inability to see eye to eye with the Mover in the amendment proposed by him. The Statement of Objects and Reasons refers to the difficulties of suitors in Devicolam which is 90 miles from the District Court at Parur, the principal Court of original jurisdiction in the District. The Government have always been anxious to render assistance to the development of the Planting District on the hills. If that was done at a time when the

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